



Sidewalk Café Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines

In concert with the Governor's Executive Order, the City of Lake Worth Beach has created a temporary outdoor seating program to ensure businesses have the greatest ability to operate successfully during the COVID-19 economic recovery.

The Temporary Outdoor Dining Program includes leveraging available public right of way space to be used as expanded areas for restaurant activity while maintaining public safety requirements.

The program will temporarily allow restaurants and businesses to expand their business footprint into the city-owned public rights-of-way without meeting certain City code and permit requirements. Restaurants with direct access to city-owned rights-of-way may utilize these areas for outdoor dining, in accordance with the safety guidelines outlined in this document.

To ensure the public safety, the following requirements will be applicable to all restaurants in the City of Lake Worth Beach utilizing the temporary outdoor dining program:

- Restaurant businesses shall follow the CDC guidelines.
- Restaurants and businesses utilizing the Program will be provided a defined area of the right of way to use for outdoor seating. Low profile water barriers will be utilized along roads of right of way to protect the Dining areas from vehicular traffic. These barriers will be provided by the City. Additional decorative vinyl 4' tall fencing will be required directly behind the barriers and will be provided by the City of Lake Worth Beach, and maintained by the Business.
- All outdoor seating water barriers, 4' vinyl fencing, tables, chairs, and other related items must be maintained on a regular basis in adherence with the Sidewalk Café Permit requirements. Damages to City property will be the responsibility of the Business to replace at their expense.

- City provided low profile water barriers shall not be moved, relocated, or displaced without prior authorization from the City.
- All outdoor seating must be spaced at least six feet apart.
- All restaurants are encouraged to avoid gathering of groups of people who are waiting to be seated.
- There shall be no gathering of groups of people standing and drinking beverages. The temporary outdoor dining areas shall be for seating patrons only.
- Restaurant business shall designate a waiting area for order pick up with clearly designated spaces meeting social distancing guidelines.
- Facial coverings must be worn by all staff members.
- It is strongly encouraged to test your workforce for COVID -19.
- City's noise regulations are still in effect and will be enforced for the temporary outdoor dining.

Sidewalks


- A clear pedestrian path of at least six feet shall be maintained to allow the public to circulate.
- Access to public utilities, building entrances, crosswalks, bus stops shall be maintained.
- Temporary outdoor dining may be extended beyond the immediate frontage of the business. Adjacent businesses are strongly encouraged to coordinate.
- A minimum clearance of 3 feet shall be maintained around fire hydrants and Fire Department Connections.
- No barrier shall be permitted around the perimeter of an area occupied by tables and chairs which would have the effect of obstructing the pedestrian path.
- Additional lighting shall be limited to battery operated light set at the tables. Extension cords will not be permitted.
- No heating, cooking or open flames are permitted.
- No food preparation, food storage or refrigeration apparatus shall be allowed on the public right of way.
- Umbrellas shall be secured by bases and able to withstand or be removed during inclement weather.
- Umbrellas shall be fire-retardant, pressure-treated or manufactured of fire resistant material. No portion of an umbrella shall be less than 7 feet above the sidewalk.

On-Street Parking (Parklets)

- The temporary outdoor dining area shall not block the vehicular traffic.
- A temporary water filled low profile barrier (provided by City) shall be installed along the travel lanes and the adjacent on-street parking spaces. Barrier shall be installed 2 feet from the edge of the adjacent travel lane and adjacent to on-street parking, if any.
- A 4' tall vinyl white picket fence (provided by the City) shall be installed directly inside of the low profile water barrier. Fence shall be placed on feet and shall abut barrier.
- Additional lighting shall be limited to battery operated light set at the tables. Extension cords will not be permitted.
- No heating, cooking or open flames are permitted.
- No food preparation, food storage or refrigeration apparatus shall be allowed on the public right of way.
- Umbrellas shall be fire-retardant, pressure-treated or manufactured of fire resistant material. No portion of an umbrella shall be less than 6'-8" above the sidewalk.
- ADA on-street parking spaces cannot be utilized for parklets.
- Parklet areas must be maintained regularly and kept free from litter, food waste, and other contaminants.

Canopy / Tent Structures

- The maximum size of tents that may be placed within sidewalks, parking spaces or pedestrian zones will be 10-foot by 10-foot.
- No staking of tents is permitted in public rights of way.
- All tent legs must be weighted. Each leg must have a minimum of 25 lbs weights. Weights must be on the ground and not free hanging.
- Weights must be securely attached to canopy roof and canopy leg separately. Ropes and straps should be high quality. Bungee or rubber straps are prohibited.
- Weights and lines must not pose a hazard and be clearly visible.
- Heaters of any kind shall not be used under tents or umbrellas. Smoking is prohibited under tents and shade structures.
- Tents must not have closed walls in place while open to the public, and all sides should be open for air flow.
- Umbrellas shall be secured by bases and able to withstand or be removed during inclement weather.



Restaurants interested in utilizing the Temporary outdoor dining program shall obtain a “Sidewalk Café Permit” from the Public Works Department by filling out the application attached to these guidelines and submitting it to the City for approval.

- The complete application can be submitted in the mailbox located at the Public Works Administration Division at 1749 3rd Ave South, or by email to flofaso@lakeworthbeachfl.gov. Please put “Sidewalk Café Temporary Outdoor Dining” in the subject line.
- All fees associated with this permit are being temporarily waived until further notice.
- Failure to comply with these Guidelines and Sidewalk Café Permit requirements may result in removal of the Temporary Outdoor Dining Sidewalk Café.
- All provided 4’ vinyl fencing shall be maintained in an orderly and neat manner. Any damages, vandalism, or theft of these items shall be the sole responsibility of the business to replace in kind.

Thank you,

City of Lake Worth Beach

